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## Letter from the Editor

**João Rosa**

The *Journal of Cape Verdean Studies* comes into being in a world of clashing ideological perspectives, disparate corporeal realities and moral and ethical inconsistencies. It is a world where we witness the penetration of western ideologies into the far reaches of the globe and a simultaneous erasure of indigenous knowledges, increasing concentrations of wealth and rising inequality and poverty (evidenced principally in the rise of the prison industrial complex globally), rapidly expanding forms of public surveillance and a proportional shrinking of civil liberties, epic ecological cataclysms stemming from decades of global environmental neglect yet continuing and expanding cultures of consumption. Despite these tumultuous trends globally, or perhaps because of their existence, we find ourselves at a unique crossroads in that never has there been a greater need for the importance of having outlets for the diffusion of knowledge, sustained intellectual engagement and when appropriate social contestation.

The *Journal of Cape Verdean Studies* aims to be a space where such critical intellectual engagement can be nurtured and developed with a clear understanding that diasporic existences manifest both, the transnational realities often structured by global contradictions, but also, an agency born out of the spring of intellectual curiosity and a need to affirm our right to be and become in the world. We invite you to take part in this social and academic journey of discovery.

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